THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Government of Punjab, 399 persons have been killed in violent incidents in Punjab during the period 1st September, 1985 to 20th October, 1986. 1293 terrorists have been arrested in Punabj during the same period.

Enhancement of the share of private sector in manufacturing! defence equipment

327. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Financial Express of 15th September, 1986 under the caption 'Defence equipment—Private sector share may go up'; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the details of the said enhancement in the private sector share; and

(c) what are the areas where such enhancement is going to take place?,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c)' Yes, Sir. The policy of the Government is to increasingly utilise the capacities in the Civil Sector and not to set up new capacities in the Defence Sector, if capacities already exist in the Civil Sector (Public & Private).

2. In addition 466 low technology items have been identified for offloading from Ordnance Factories to Civil Sector Industry, in a phased manner. These consist of clothing . items, packing boxes, hardware items for armaments and vehicle spares. Besides, about 50 per cent of the systems required for manufacture of the new Infantry Combat Vehicle in Ordnance Factory have also been earmarked for Civil Sector Industry.

Vacancies in All India Radio andDoordarshan in Jammu andKashmir

328. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of class I officers, of various media units in Jammu and Kashmir especially Press Information Bureau, Doordarshan Kendra and All India Radio;

(b) the period from which these vacancies are lying vacant and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that some officers were posted by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, but later on their orders were cancelled; and

(d)' if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the attached statement. *See* Appendix CXL, Anne-xure No. 11].

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The orders about the posting of some of the officers to Jammu and Kashmir were reviewed after con-dering the representations made by them or because of other administrative reasons.

Dwindling forests in Goa

329. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the forest areas in Goa are dwindling due to indiscriminate cutting of trees;

(b)' what were the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee to preserve the limit of forest area in Goa; and

(c) whether the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee have been accepted and are being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Recommendations of the Task Force on Eco-Development plan for Goa in respect of afforestation and wildlife sanctuaries are annexed. <See statement below).

(c) An Empowered Committee head ed by the Chief Secretary Goa, Daman and Diu has been constituted to take necessary administrative decisions as a follow up of the recommendations the Task Force. Action has been taken to implement most of the recommen dations.

Statement

Summary of the recommendations of the Task Force on. Eco-Development Plan for Goa in respect of Afforestation and Wildlife Sanctuaries

1. Lessees should be bound to plant suitable forest vegetation on abandoned mining areas under the guidance of the Mining and Forest Department.

2. The width of roads in the sanctuaries should be kept to the minimum, so as to avoid adverse effect on ecology and for forest protection, to black topping should be done and no heavy traffic should be allowed over these roads.

3. The boundary of Mollem Sanctuary should be modified in such a way that the people residing there should be placed on the outer side of its periphery.

4. Eucalyptus should be planted on sites which are suitable for its growth. It is advisable to grow it as a mixed crop with other species.

5. Communidade areas which are uncultivable/fallow should be brought under tree cover and through social forestry.

6. The draft Tree Preservation Bill should be brought into force as early as possible.

7. A quick survey of areas available along the coast for Casuarina plantation should be made and the Forest Department should take up suitable plantations.

8. The Horticulture Department should provide the people on no profit no loss basis with seedlings of good quality, fruit trees' for planting trees in their holdings as social forestry.

9. A Social Forestry section may be set up in the forest Department for undertaking extension work as well as for implementing the social forestry programme.

10. A co-ordinated approach should be adopted for effectively treating areas subject to soil erosion.

11. The Forest" Department should also deal with Soil Conservation work for which a separate section should be established.

Environmental pollution around Bombay

330. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale chemical industries are coming up in and around Bombay city endangering the lives of the people who are living in those areas; and

(b) if so, what were the remedial measures taken by the Government to counter the environmental pollution in those areas?